

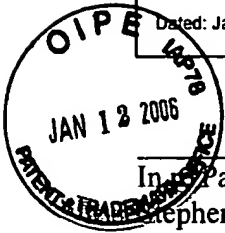
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For: IMMUNOMODULATORY COMPOSITIONS  
CONTAINING AN IMMUNOSTIMULATORY  
SEQUENCE LINKED TO ANTIGEN AND  
METHODS OF USE THEREOF

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

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This is in response to the final Office Action dated July 12, 2005 (Paper No. 07082005), for which a response was due on October 12, 2005. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a three month(s) extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to January 12, 2006. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested. Submitted concurrently herewith is a Notice of Appeal along with the appropriate fee.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.